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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Amory

SUBJECT: [redacted] Paper on Committees of the USIB

1. Para. 8 of [redacted] paper recommends that a number of committees should be disestablished as committees of the USIB and their general functions reassigned. The ADs and your Staff agree with the paper on the following committees:

Committee on International Communism
Space Surveillance Intelligence Support Committee
[redacted]
Committee on Exploitation of Foreign Language Publications
Committee on Procurement of Foreign Publications
Emergency Planning Steering Committee

2. With respect to some committees, however, there is disagreement as follows:

a. Committee on Exchanges: The paper recommends this Committee be eliminated as a USIB instrument and that "its functions be assigned to CIA for implementation through specified points of contact designated by interested agencies." The paper also said that there was a strong feeling within the Coordination Staff that the Committee's functions should be given to the Department of State rather than to CIA. OO, OSI, and OCR urge that the Committee not be given to State and OO further feels that it should continue as a USIB instrument for reasons all of which I believe could be answered by a CIA committee not attached to the USIB.

b. NIS Committee: OBI wants the Committee continued under the wing of USIB largely for prestige purposes as well as the fact that this Committee has had a long and successful history and as part of USIB it strengthens the concept of coordinated support for the DCI. I believe actually the Committee could operate as well as a CIA Committee.

c. Critical Communications Committee: The paper recommends that CIA be made responsible for continuous

coordinated monitoring of the reporting system whereas the Secretary of Defense continue to provide for the operation. Only [] disagrees here with two alternate suggestions:

(2) Give entire responsibility to NIC as the Staff of the Watch Committee. [] prefers this solution.

3. Of the USIB Committees which, in para. 9 of [] paper, are recommended to be retained or modified, all agree with the paper with respect to the following:

Security Committee
Committee on Documentation
Watch Committee
Economic Intelligence Committee

Comments with respect to certain other of these committees are as follows:

a. Signal Intelligence Committee: [] recommends a fulltime chairman.

b. Scientific Intelligence Committee: OSI recommends that the Chairmen of SIC, JAEIC and GMAIC form a committee among themselves under another senior CIA official to insure close coordination. OCR recommends putting JAEIC and GMAIC under SIC.

c. Critical Collection Committee: The paper recommends that its charter be broadened and that the IPC, [] be put under it as sub-committees. Only [] disagrees recommending that the committees be reconstituted around [] Task Force and that interlocking memberships be insured.

4. With respect to the USIB Secretariat the paper recommends it be assigned to the Office of the DCI in his capacity as Chairman of USIB. [] agrees with this and also suggests that the Secretariat have authority to prod USIB members to accomplish assignments as well as to review USIB papers for proper format and complete coverage. OCR suggests that the Secretariat and the Assistant for Coordination be combined.

5. As [] paper is in draft form they do not require an official DD/I answer as yet. If you will indicate to me which of the suggestions you prefer I can work with them to change the draft in many cases I am sure.